

Application No. 10/777,118

## **REMARKS**

### **Claim Rejections**

The Examiner has indicated in the Office Action that claims 1-4 are in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: in claim 1 there is no antecedent basis for "the metal connecting portion"; and "the an upper" should be corrected as "an upper". By amendments, applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the examiner in order to overcome the objection.

### **Drawings**

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Claim 1 is objected to because of the informalities as indicated in the Detailed Action. The examiner has indicated that claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, set forth in this Office Action.

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**Summary**

In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. The examiner is authorized to make necessary amendments if there should be any remaining informalities. If any points remain in issue, please advice by return fax or E-mail as the contact information listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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